

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of performing transluminal mitral annuloplasty, comprising the steps of:
 - providing a catheter, having a prosthesis thereon;
 - inserting the catheter into the venous system;
 - transluminally advancing the prosthesis into the coronary sinus such that a distal end portion of the prosthesis is in contact with an inner wall of the coronary sinus;
 - actuating a ~~control element~~ pull wire on the catheter to ~~selectively~~ actively advance at least one tissue anchor on the distal end portion from a retracted position to an extended position; and
 - manipulating a component of the prosthesis to cause the prosthesis to exert force on the mitral valve annulus.
2. (Original) A method as in claim 1, further comprising the step of percutaneously accessing the venous system prior to the transluminally advancing step.
3. (Original) A method as in claim 2, wherein the accessing step is accomplished by accessing one of the internal jugular, subclavian and femoral veins.
4. (Original) A method as in claim 1, further comprising the steps of first measuring the coronary sinus and then selecting an appropriately sized prosthesis prior to the inserting step.
5. (Original) A method as in claim 1, further comprising the step of measuring hemodynamic function following the manipulating a component of the prosthesis step.
6. (Original) A method as in claim 5, further comprising the step of determining an ongoing drug therapy taking into account the post implantation hemodynamic function.
7. (Original) A method as in claim 1, wherein the advancing at least one tissue anchor step comprises advancing the anchor from an axial orientation to an inclined orientation.

8. (Original) A method as in claim 7, wherein the tissue anchor has a proximal end for piercing tissue and a distal point of attachment to the prosthesis, and the advancing at least one tissue anchor step comprises rotating the anchor about the point of attachment.

9. (Original) A method as in claim 1, comprising advancing at least two tissue anchors to an extended position.

10. (Original) A method as in claim 8, comprising advancing at least two tissue anchors to an extended position.

11. (Original) A method as in claim 1, wherein the manipulating a component of the prosthesis step causes the prosthesis to transform into a curved configuration having a first side facing towards the mitral valve annulus and a second side facing away from the mitral valve annulus.

12. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 11, ~~additionally comprising the step of advancing at least two tissue anchors~~ wherein the tissue anchor is configured to be advanced in the direction of the mitral valve annulus.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) A method as in claim 1, wherein the manipulating step comprises axially moving a forming element with respect to the prosthesis, to bend the prosthesis.

15. (Original) A method as in claim 1, further comprising the step of locking the prosthesis to retain a force on the annulus following the manipulating step.

16. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 15, wherein the locking step comprises moving an engagement surface from a disengaged configuration to an engaged configuration.

17. (Original) A method as in claim 15, wherein the locking step comprises providing an interference fit.

18. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 15, wherein the locking step is accomplished with a threaded engagement.

19. (Original) A method as in claim 5, wherein the step of monitoring hemodynamic function is accomplished using transesophageal echo cardiography.

20. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 5, wherein the step of monitoring hemodynamic function is accomplished using surface echo cardiographic imaging.

21. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 5, wherein the step of monitoring hemodynamic function is accomplished using intracardiac echo cardiographic imaging.

22. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 5, wherein the step of monitoring hemodynamic function is accomplished using fluoroscopy with radiocontrast media.

23. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 5, wherein the step of monitoring hemodynamic function is accomplished using left atrial or pulmonary capillary wedge pressure measurements.

24-54. (Canceled)